IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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For: METHOD OF RECORDING INFORMATION ON A

WRITABLE OPTICAL DISC AND A SYSTEM THEREOF

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.121

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

January 12, 1998

Sir:

In response to the Official Office Action dated August 11, 1997, the period for response having been extended from December 11, 1997 until January 12, 1998 by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-5 without prejudice. Please add new Claims 6-11 as follows:

-- A system for recording information on a writable optical disc having an information recording area, a partition area for indicating a data writing finish position, and a management area for writing an address of the partition area, the system comprising:

retrieving means for retrieving an address of the partition area;

determining means for determining whether information exists in the partition area;

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